the coming into operation of FTA between India and Sri Lanka, the growth in bilateral trade turnover is as given below: .

Value in Rs. Lakhs

| Sl.No. Year | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. India's total trade with Sri Lanka | 235,514.76 | 313,006.87 | 333.018.83 |
| 2.% Growth | 17.90 | 32.90 | 6.39 |

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

**Import of raw silk from China**

1110. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the price of raw silk product in the country has fallen sharply due to unrestricted import of raw silk from China; and

(b) the reasons why Government are not banning import of raw silk or levy higher import duty and anti-dumping duty on import of raw silk from China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. Preliminary investigations have come to the conclusion that there has been dumping of raw silk by China, which has adversely affected the price of raw silk products in the country.

The Government does not propose to introduce any restriction on imports, (necessitated by the demand supply gap of raw silk in the country and the demand of quality silk for production of silk products of international standards). Government of India v/de Custom Notification No. 2/2003 dated 2.01.2003 has imposed anti-dumping duty equivalent to the diference between the amount of US $ 33.19 per kg. and the landed value of imported mglberry raw silk (not thrown), 2A grade and below, originating in, or exported from, Peoples' Republic of China. The said anti-dumping duty has been imposed provisionally, pending final determination.